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Title: **WAVELENGTH DIVISION MULTIPLEX OPTICAL STAR COUPLER,
COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, AND OPTICAL TRANSMISSION SYSTEM**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At the top of the first page, just under the title, insert:

-- **CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a Divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/386,297, filed August 31, 1999, which is based upon and claims benefit of priority of Japanese Patent Applications No. Hei-10-260823, filed on August 31, 1998, and No. Hei-11-193941, filed on July 8, 1999, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference. --

REMARKS

Claims 11-16 are pending. The specification is amended to identify divisional data.


Claims 11 is the sole independent claim.

The Applicant believes that the claims are in condition for allowance and requests that the application be processed to issue. If any questions remain, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned.

Meanwhile, please note the attached form PTO-1449 and listed documents and return a copy of that form initialed per MPEP 609.

Respectfully submitted,

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